

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Military Information from Oberswalde

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1. On 22 June 1951, the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauer Heer Strasse, Oberswalde (N 53°V 06), still quartered about 4,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Rocket launchers [redacted] and trucks [redacted] towing AT guns of about 50-mm, arrived at the installation, coming from the direction of the Artillerie Kaserne. Seven tanks from the Schuetzen Kaserne were loaded at the Oberswalde railroad station on 21 June. There was little training activity in the billeting area. In addition to other troops, 18 soldiers received basic training.

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2. On 22 June, the Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalder Strasse was still occupied by only a rear unit.

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3. No changes were observed at the Ardait Plant prior to 16 June. Units there wore red-bordered black epaulets. A general and two lieutenant colonels with jeep [redacted] were once seen in front of the main building.

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4. An undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in 20 boxcars at the passenger railroad station on 26 June. No further information regarding these troops could be gathered. Ten trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] loaded with billeting equipment, left the Artillerie Kaserne and the Schuetzen Kaserne northward on that day.

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5. On 20 June, six AA guns of about 50-mm were placed at elementary school No 1 in Oberswalde-Westend and four AA guns of about 80-mm in the area south of the Oberswalde-Finow railroad line. \*\*\*

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6. [redacted] Furlough for the supply units in Oberswalde was canceled for the period from 15 June to 30 July. A train without engine, consisting of an undetermined number of cars carrying 8x85-mm AA guns, 2 field kitchens and 17 trucks, including

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[redacted] stood at the Eberswalde railroad station on 26 June. Officers Shchukin (fmu), Kosarev (fmu), Svitla (fmu), and Chestetnikov (fmu), were mentioned in newspapers belonging to officers in the Schmetzen Kaserne.

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\* [redacted] Comment. The information indicates no change in the occupation of the installations since a report of late May 1951. [redacted]

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\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the troops in the boxes as well as the trucks mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 6 belong to the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Nkzd Army. Components of this division probably left for a troop training grounds, apparently Wustrow. Kosarev (fmu) and Svitla (fmu) were previously mentioned in military newspapers by [redacted]

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\* [redacted] Comment. The same number of AA guns, however with smaller caliber, were reported [redacted]

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